

JUDGE DENOUNCES ARREST OF CONVICT WHO REFORMED

Jurist Who Sentenced John Hendrickson Says He Is Not Mean Enough to Turn In-former.

"Hendrickson's arrest is an outrage. I will do all in my power to get him out of his trouble. My friends know I am not the mean, miserable creature who would deprive a man of his liberty who was trying to earn an honest living."

—Ex-County Judge W. B. Hurd.

If former County Judge William B. Hurd, of Kings County, can prevent it, ex-convict John B. Hendrickson will not be punished for trying to earn an honest living and support his family.

Hendrickson was sent to prison for forging the name of John Albertson to a check for \$350. After his release on parole he changed his name to Harry Cox and obtained a job as a conductor on the Bergen street line, Brooklyn. This is in violation of section 570, of the Penal Code.

Judge Hurd imposed the sentence and it was reported that he caused Hendrickson's arrest. That report Mr. Hurd and Hendrickson both deny. Both place the blame on Detective Sergeant Roach. "I never felt so sorry for anyone in my life as I do for Hendrickson," said Judge Hurd today, "and I will assist him and do all I can to get him out of trouble and back on his feet again. The incident happened in this way. I was riding on a Bergen street car. I paid my fare to the conductor without looking at him when he said to me:

"Don't you know me, Judge?"

"Then I looked up at him and said 'No'."

"I'm Hendrickson. I'm the man you sent away for forgery. You gave me a short term when you could have given me a long one. I don't mind, I want to thank you. I have kept straight. I have reformed and my wife and I are doing well. I think my imprisonment did me good for I am now trying to lead an honest life."

"Congratulated Himself."

"This brought to my mind something which every judge on the bench often thinks of. That is, what becomes of prisoners after their release. When I heard this man I congratulated myself. I had made no mistake in giving him a short term of imprisonment."

"Subsequently as I was going along the street I met Detective Sergeant Roach and recalled that he had been the officer who made the arrest in Hendrickson's case. I told him casually of Hendrickson's reform, thinking that he would be interested in knowing of the man's reformation."

"I did not tell Roach with the idea of

LAW WHICH BLIGHTED AN EX-CONVICT'S LIFE.

"A person who obtains employment or appointment to any office or place of trust by color of aid of any false or forged letter or certificate of recommendation, or any false statement as to his name, residence, previous employment or qualification . . . is guilty of a misdemeanor."—Section 50 of Penal Code, under which ex-convict was arrested.

having him inform the railroad company or to have him arrest Hendrickson, but merely to let him know that Hendrickson had reformed and that I was justified in giving him a short term, although Roach had asked me to give him a long term in prison.

"I had believed Roach would have acted as he did I would most certainly have kept the information to myself."

"I am not the mean, miserable creature who would inform on his fellow man. Particularly is this true in a case like that of Hendrickson's."

Exonerates the Judge.

"Judge Hurd had nothing to do with my arrest," said Hendrickson today in Raymond Street Jail. "I was turned up by Detective Sergeant Roach. In 1905 I bought out a cigar business at No. 130 Court street. Roach owned the property and I paid him \$25 and moved away. After three years I asked him to reduce my rent to \$20. He refused, and I gave up the cigar business and moved away. In 1900 I got into this trouble with Albertson over a \$350 check. Roach got the warrant for my arrest, and he had his seven children out looking for me. One of them tipped me off to headquarters, and I got work a month after I had been

Ex-Judge Hurd Will Aid the Man Arrested for Getting a Job Under a New Name.

out of Sing Sing with the R. T. Judge Hurd rode on my car repeatedly, and the first time I saw him I thanked him for his kindness. That was months ago.

Roach Recognized Him.

"On Saturday last Detective Roach rode on my car to the races. He recognized me and I told my wife when I got home that he would make trouble for me if he found out I was Hendrickson. He said, 'Tuesday young Henry Reynolds arrested me. This Reynolds is a member of the police force. I understand, but is on a leave of absence and working for the R. T. Judge.'"

"My wife has deposited \$500 cash with the City Chamberlain, and I will be released today. I don't think I will be convicted of a crime for trying to support my wife and children. I will bring witnesses to prove my character."

"I am going to W. B. Yeargan, the railroad official who has made the complaint against me, and ask him to let me up on me. On the strength of my record, the road ought to be lenient with me if only for the sake of my wife and little ones."

Mrs. Hendrickson and her two children went to Raymond Street Jail to-day to see the prisoner. The little ones were told their father had been in a hospital, and that they were going to take him home. They remained with Hendrickson until the preparations for bail were completed.

ALL SORTS AND CONDITIONS OF CHILDREN ARRAIGNED BEFORE JUSTICE OLMSTED.

Little Offenders Against the Law and Those Neglected by Their Parents Are Treated with Kindness in the New Court.

There was a calendar posted on the bulletin board at the Children's Court to-day. It ran as follows:

Calendar for Sept. 4.

PLEADINGS.
1. Charlie Callo, Joe Panislavich and Tony Panislavich. Attempted suicide.
2. Annie Stein. Sentenced.
3. John Dodd. Violation Sec. 291, Penal Code.
4. George Eleington and Annie Egan, Sec. 291.
5. Maceurte Kelly and Dorothy Kelly, Sec. 291.
6. Kate, Frances, Martha and John Hanson, Sec. 291.

Charlie Callo, Tony Panislavich and Joe Panislavich stole a lot of millinery from Joseph M. Drillich's store, No. 47 Bond street, and hid it under the stoop at No. 3 Prince street.

Annie Stein is the fifteen-year-old Jersey City girl who, feeling disgraced after a midnight trolley ride and beer drinking with another girl and two men, attempted to kill herself after mass in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, in the Bronx.

Causes for Arrest.

Section 291, of the Penal Code, says that any child under sixteen years of age found begging or receiving alms, or picking rags, collecting cigar stumps, bones or refuse from markets, or who has no home or has been deserted or abandoned by those who should care for it, or whose parents or guardians are in a state of want, or been neglected or improperly exposed by parents or guardians, or the child is a destitute orphan, or is living with a person who has been convicted of crime, or the child consorts with thieves or women of bad character, or with or without the consent of parents or guardians, or is allowed to visit saloons, concert halls, dance houses, museums, theatres or gambling places, must be arrested and taken to court, where the Court may commit the child to some incorporated charitable or re-

formatory institution, governed by the same religious faith as that of the parents of the child.

John Dodd, up for sentence under section No. 291, was a ten-year-old offender caught at 10:30 P. M. selling papers in Harlem. He pleaded guilty.

But before the call of the calendar, Justice Olmsted, sitting as a district court, took the complaint of Martin Brodner, manager of the Charles Broadway House store, against Henry Alexander, of No. 151 Madison avenue, a fourteen-year-old clerk in the store, captured when leaving the store last night with a dollar razor in his pocket. He will be tried to-morrow.

Cleanliness Transforms.

George Eleington and Annie Egan, who pleaded guilty on Tuesday night to violating Section 291, by gathering decayed fruit under the wagons at Gansevoort Market, at 6 o'clock in the morning, were sentenced.

Dirty when arrested by officers of the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children, they were clean, sweet and pretty to-day, in clothing provided by the Society. The mothers of the offenders were in court, both comely, cleanly matrons.

I promise to take good care of my child and never let it gather stuff in the market again," said each mother, and

on motion of Assistant Superintendent Agnew, of the Society, the culprits were discharged.

Pushed Child Into Fire.

"Rufus Potter, you are charged with pushing George Wiesenbaum, four years old, into a bonfire in front of your house in Brook avenue, Bronx. What have you to say?"

Rufus, fourteen years old, a hulk of a boy with unkempt hair and muddy clothes, twisted his slouch hat in sudden silence.

Mrs. Wiesenbaum testified that little George came into the house, his face all blackened and his clothing scorched and burned. The other children told her that Rufus Potter had pushed him into a bonfire in the street.

Bertha Leontal, a pretty little girl of thirteen years, testified:

"A lot of boys were passing apples in a bonfire, and little George came out and wanted to play with the red apples. Some apples, Rufus Potter pushed him and he fell into the bonfire."

"What have you to say?" Any witness asked the Justice of the peace.

"No, I guess I'll leave it go as it is," was the nonchalant reply of Rufus Potter.

"Rufus," said the Justice, "Sentence to-morrow."

Rufus was led away, dazed by the

First Colored Prisoner.

"Ed Davis, a woolly-headed pickpocket, eleven years old, had the distinction of being the first prisoner of the African race to be arraigned in the new court. 'Ed's' eyes seemed all whites while the Justice read the indictment charging him with sneaking into a show window at Abe Kantor's upholstery store, No. 47 Lenox avenue."

"What do you say, guilty or not guilty?" demanded the court.

"I guess I'll never know it," said the little Ethiopian, solemnly.

"Where are your witnesses, Mr. Kantor?" the court asked. The Italian merchant pushed three little boys up the steps till their heads came into the view of the court.

They were all under nine years old, and none of them knew the solemnity of an oath. Justice Olmsted dismissed the complaint and "Ed" Davis strolled out of court a free "man."

Twelve-Year-Old Gambler.

John Dodd, a twelve-year-old, who consorted to gambling at the signal case of craps, was arraigned for sentence. Agent Planina read from the report of his investigation.

The mother of John Dodd was the insane woman who leaped over the guard rail and fell three stories at the Manhattan State Hospital Tuesday and was killed. His father has been long in the hospital, and John is a street boy, of No. 151 Madison avenue, a fourteen-year-old clerk in the store, captured when leaving the store last night with a dollar razor in his pocket. He will be tried to-morrow.

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REEVES E. SELMES DEAD.

The death of Reeves E. Selmes, law clerk in the Department of Finance, which occurred on Sunday, was officially announced in the City Record to-day. Mr. Selmes was one of the landmarks of the city's employees, and had been in public office so long that he was a walking encyclopedia of affairs in the Department of Finance. He first became a city employee in the early fifties, when he was appointed an assistant clerk of the Board of Aldermen. Mr. Selmes was much interested in the Chinese and Japanese, and could speak both languages. He was Superintendent of the Chinese Sunday-school of the Hanson Place Methodist Episcopal Church in Brooklyn.

She Tells Her Story!

"Your Honor," said the girl, "I am her mother. I am willing to have her sent to the Sisters of St. Francis and will gladly pay \$5 a month board for her there."

Florence sang "Annie Rooney" for the reporter while the commitment papers were being drawn.

The Kelly case was settled to-day in a remarkable way. Thomas Kelly is a jeweler at good wages. He left his wife and three children, Marguerita and Dorothy, fourteen and nine years old, in June, with George Thompson, but said the expenses of the home, George's mother, Mrs. Hill, was scandalized, and appealed to the Society. The children were in improper company. Kelly secured helplessness, to-day all was arranged by sending the children to Mrs. Hill till the father carried out his promise to send their mother to Philadelphia and provided a suitable home for them.

Justice a Comforter.

Little Dorothy, a stylish little maiden in a black silk taglan and a pink-pong hat, cried.

"Don't cry, little one; you will spoil your pretty eyes," said the Justice gently.

"I don't care for my eyes; I want my mamma," said Dorothy.

"This little Grace Cohen threw this brick back at my little Robbie, and he was five years old," said Mrs. Laura Aven, of No. 338 East Thirtieth street, removing the wrapping from the missile and laying it before the Court.

Grace, ten, was defiant, and her aunt said:

"You and you chased a lot of children and pinched Grace."

"I pinched her, too, if she threw a brick like that at my child. Now Grace, you may go this time, but if you throw any more bricks or are naughty by the girl I shall have to put you in prison," said Justice Olmsted, and that ended the grist for the day.

YOUNG WOMEN PLAY BALL.

They Form a Nine and Defeat a Team of Young Men, 26 to 22.

NEWBURGH, Sept. 4.—At Pleasant Plains, Dutchess County, a few days ago, at a plenty the young women of the Sunday school formed a baseball nine and challenged the young men to put a nine against them. The women had Miss Lent as pitcher and Miss Van Wagner behind the bat. The playing of the women was an entire revelation, and they defeated their opponents by a score of 26 to 22 in five innings, the men declining to play longer.

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of coverts and navy and red
serge, mostly silk lined; all
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MANY ARE HURT IN CABLE CAR CRASH

CHICAGO, Sept. 4.—More than a score of men, women and children were hurt, several of them seriously, in a wreck on a Milwaukee avenue cable train here early to-day.

The train, which was composed of a grip and two other cars, was bringing a heavy load of working people downtown, when between Girard street and Evergreen avenue the grip struck a raised plate in the track. The second car plunged into the grip and the trailer crashed into the car ahead. The passengers were piled into confused masses in the three cars.

A panic followed and all the available patrol wagons in the district were sent to the scene to extricate the passengers from the wreckage. Many of the injured were pinned in until the wreckage was chopped or sawed away. It is believed that none will die.

Two brothers, Louis and Frank Bendig, were badly enough hurt to necessitate taking one to a doctor's office and another to a hospital. The others were taken by the police to their homes.

GREAT MUSIC HALL DAMAGED BY FIRE.

CINCINNATI, O., Sept. 4.—The historic Music Hall was damaged by fire which broke out at 6 o'clock this morning, and the Odion Theatre, a structure adjoining Music Hall, was completely destroyed. The loss will exceed \$100,000, fully covered by insurance.

How the fire originated has not been determined. It broke out under the stage of the Odion, which was used by the College of Music for musical entertainments, and spread rapidly.

The fire department, realizing that the great Music Hall was in danger, used its best efforts to save that building, but in an hour the Odion was completely destroyed and the south wing of Music Hall, which is next to the Odion, was damaged. The main building of Music Hall with the great organ escaped injury.

The Odion belongs to the Music Hall Association and is leased to the College of Music.

WED IN PENSION BUREAU.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4.—Beside the great fountain in the big court of the Pension Bureau here John Edward Green, of Petersburg, and Miss Esther Collier, of Chesterfield, Va., were married. The Rev. William Black, a clerk in the bureau, performed the ceremony.

JAMES BUTLER
CHOICE GROCERIES

Borough of Manhattan.

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